

August 14, 2006

The Common Council met as the Water Utility Board on the above date in the Meeting Room at City Hall Annex with Mayor Knowles presiding and members Askren, Curtis, and Cooper. Board members Tucker and Rueger were not present. Others attending were Chief Beloit; Acting Fire Chief Reese; Supt. Gray; Attorney Funkhouser; Firefighters Harms and Moore; Ken and Paula Rudibaugh; Mike Labitzke - Clark Dietz; Tom Hogan - Johnson Controls; and Lois Fisher.

Mayor Knowles called the meeting to order by stating members were either mailed or hand carried copies of the minutes of their previous meeting and by asking if there were any corrections or additions. She added if not, she entertains a motion to waive their reading and to approve the minutes as presented.

Board member Askren moved the reading of the minutes be waived and they be approved as presented. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles requested action on the claims presented.

Board member Cooper moved the claims presented be allowed for payment. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

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Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the report of the Water Superintendent.

Supt. Gray reported stated in communications from the State in 2002 and 2006, the Mount Vernon Water Works was not certified on their contact time. He added he would now like to report that they are indeed certified, they have plenty of contact time. He added this is truly a milestone.

Supt. Gray then stated that a meeting or so ago he had asked about purchasing two new trucks and he did received quotes from the three local dealerships. He added Expressway Chevy had the lowest bid. He reminded the Board the new vehicles are needed for the meter reader and Mr. Tron, whose truck is a 1984 Dodge that needs over \$8,000.00 in repairs. He added the cost for the new trucks is \$12,800.00 each and he would like to purchase two. He further stated the heavy tool truck is actually a 1978 fire truck, it won't

move, it is done. He added he would also like to get bids on a chassis for that, maybe a Ford F450 or F550.

Councilman Cooper replied he could get prices on that if wished.

Supt. Gray then stated the vehicles he is looking at purchasing are 2007 Colorados, which were actually than the 2006 models, and they would be used for meter reading and maintenance.

Councilman Cooper asked if Supt. Gray had the money for the purchase ?

Supt. Gray replied yes.

Mayor Knowles reminded the Board that the Water Department does not operate off of the budget system.

Supt. Gray added he would be paying cash.

Attorney Funkhouser stated he does not have an issue with it, the cost is under \$25,000. He then asked if the quotes were verbal or if Supt. Gray had them in writing ? He stated if there were not in writing, they need to be.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added they had this issue earlier with the Board of Works and she believes the requests need to be in writing.

Board consented to permit Supt. Gray to purchase the two vehicles from Expressway Chevy, the low bidder, pending approval of Attorney Funkhouser, who will get then get back with Supt. Gray.

Supt. Gray furthered his report by stating KROFTA #2 is down but all else is running well.

Mayor Knowles stated she neglected to remind the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Board should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Attorney Funkhouser stated he believes the Board needs a motion on the purchase of the vehicles.

Board member Askren moved Supt. Gray be permitted to make the purchases, upon the approval of Attorney Funkhouser. Seconded by Board member Cooper.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles then stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Lois Fisher approached the podium and stated she lives alone at 500 Vine Street and just received a water bill for \$332.86. She added she lives on \$300 per month social security and needs some help.

Mayor Knowles asked if she had a leak ?

Ms. Fisher replied there is no leak, but the hose may have been left on, she could have done that, it was on. She then asked the Board to please help her.

Mayor Knowles asked if she is asking for an adjustment ?

Supt. Gray replied normally when there is a leak, it is fixed and the paperwork is brought to the office and the adjustment is done, this appears to be vandalism.

Board member Curtis moved the one time adjustment be permitted. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Supt. Gray suggested Ms. Fisher check her next bill and make the office will make an average for her, she has always had the minimum bill.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried.

Ms. Fisher thanked the Board and left the meeting.

Mayor Knowles asked about the Financial Report.

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she has not seen that yet.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer has any Communications for the Board ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied not at this time.

Mayor Knowles stated she had failed to mention at the last meeting, a communication from Mary Ann Watson. She then asked if there were any questions on the communication ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any Legals for consideration ?

Board member Cooper questioned the contract with U S Filter ?

Mayor Knowles replied it is actually an agreement with U S Filter. She then stated, for the record, it has been apparent through her tenure that she has not been 100% behind the filters, she has serious concerns about them, she prefers wells. She continued by stating the Utility Board chose U S Filter unanimously, therefore because she wants unified city government she has decided she will sign the agreement with U S Filter.

Board member Cooper questioned the performance bond issue, the reason they tried to hold a Special Session last Thursday. Something about U S Filter being the supplier not the contractor, and a performance bond is for contractors. He stated that needs to be clarified before the Mayor signs. He then moved the Board accept the agreement/contract with U S Filter as guarantee from supplier, as performance bonds are provided by the contractor. Seconded by Board member Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles requested a roll call vote.

Roll was called by the Clerk-Treasurer with the Board voting as follows:

Askren - yes; Tucker - absent; Rueger - absent;

Curtis - yes; Cooper - yes.

Mayor Knowles stated the motion carried.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

Mike Labitzke stated he is present to request an amendment on the water modeling that Clark Dietz is doing for the city. He added he had sent this to Supt. Gray some weeks ago and spoke with Board member Cooper on the time and money they have spent thus far.

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Mayor Knowles stated she asked Mr. Labitzke if the data they have collected could be used by Johnson Controls for their project and he indicated that it could be, the software is compatible.

Board member Cooper again asked that Johnson Control can use the data ?

Mr. Hogan from Johnson Controls replied yes, on the surface, it appears to be OK.

Mayor Knowles added she would hate to see their investment lost.

Mr. Hogan added the water modeling actually pushes Johnson Controls forward. He stated they had a no idea the water modeling was being done but that pushes them forward.

Board member Cooper asked if Johnson Controls ends up not being able to use the data, will Johnson Controls need a new model ?

Mr. Hogan replied his engineers do not see that as an issue.

Mr. Labitzke again stated the data should be completely compatible.

Mr. Hogan agreed it should be no problem.

Board member Cooper asked about a timeframe ?

Mr. Labitzke replied they do need some retests in some areas and once the data is received, it should take four to six weeks before they can generate the final report.

Board member Cooper asked Supt. Gray how soon he needed the figures ?

Supt. Gray replied he also needs to order a reducer, and the data needs to be calibrated.

Board member Cooper asked how quickly he could get that done ?

Supt. Gray replied he will drop everything and make it a priority. He also stated the reason for the reducer is negative pressure readings in the Country Club area.

Mayor Knowles asked if negative pressure readings mean the water is being sucked in ?

Supt. Gray replied yes, and this is happening on some fire hydrants, they really need to find out why this is happening.

Mayor Knowles remarked she had never heard of this happening before, it is bizarre.

Board member Curtis stated this issue really needs dealt with, he does not want a fire truck sucking water instead of pumping.

Mayor Knowles agreed and added they need to proceed.

Board member Cooper agreed as well and added if Clark Dietz' data matches up with Johnson Controls' data, they need to get it done; but he does not want to pay Clark Dietz and then turn around and have to pay them again for the same work.

Board member Curtis moved if Clark Dietz' modeling is compatible with Johnson Controls, he would authorize the additional \$8,450.00 for completion, if NOT compatible, they should report back to the Board. Seconded by Board member Cooper.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Labitzke asked if a verification letter from both firms would suffice ?

Board member Cooper replied that would be fine, the sooner the better.

Mayor Knowles asked if anyone else in the Audience wished to address the Board ?

There was no response.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any Old Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any New Business ?

There was none.

Mayor Knowles stated if there were no further business, she entertains a motion to adjourn.

Board member Cooper moved the meeting be adjourned. Seconded by Board member Askren.

Mayor Knowles stated all those in favor of the motion should signify in the affirmative; and following the vote, she reported the motion carried and adjourned the meeting.

Rosemary L. Knowles

Mayor

ATTEST:

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Mayor Knowles reminded the Audience that anyone wishing to address the Council should approach the podium and state their name and the nature of their business.

Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Standing Committees.

Street/Light Chairman Curtis stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles stated Comm. Epison is out of town with Asst. Miller at a Street Commissioners Conference but he wanted her to give his report. She stated he wishes to express his appreciation to the residents of Mount Vernon for their patience during the closing of Main Street; and added Walnut Street will be done in a few weeks. He also wanted to let everyone know they are caught up on limbs from the storm a few weeks ago and he would like to thank all the employees at the street department for their long hours and hard work. She then asked if there were any questions ?

Councilman Cooper stated in reference to the railroad closing Main Street, the street department did an excellent job handling that.

Mayor Knowles agreed they did a super job, it was a very smooth project, flawless; and Comm. Epison spent a lot of time on it, it is a great project.

Police & Dog Chairman Askren stated she has no report.

Chief Beloit stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Fire Chairman Tucker was not present.

Acting Fire Chief Reese stated he has no report.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Sewer Chairman Rueger was not present.

Mayor Knowles asked if there were any questions ?

There were none.

Mayor Knowles asked if the Clerk-Treasurer had any Communications for the Council ?

Clerk-Treasurer Wolfe replied she almost has the tax rates ready to go to the paper, after she has a question answered from the Department of Local Government Finance, and anyone wishing to view them before they go to the paper can drop by the office anytime Thursday.

Mayor Knowles stated on the Legal portion of the Agenda is an Ordinance Establishing the Downtown Planning Fund. She explained this fund is being set up to receive the grant money for the downtown planning grant. She added there will only be two receipts into and two disbursements out of this fund.

Councilman Cooper moved the ordinance pass first reading. Seconded by Councilman Curtis.

Mayor Knowles asked if there was any discussion ?

There was none.

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Mayor Knowles stated they will now hear the reports of the Districts.

1st District Councilwoman Askren stated she has no report.

2nd District Councilman Tucker was absent.

3rd District Councilman Rueger was absent.

4th District Councilman Curtis stated he has no report.

Councilman-at-Large Cooper stated he has no report.

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Cristi L. Wolfe

Clerk-Treasurer